A young hog in the hood playin' chase, smile on his face Havin' fun 'cuz it ain't nothin' like this place and you don't wanna race Fool I got the new ones on And we can run from the corner to the Newman's home

And after that we goin' go raid the plum tree And stick ball down where those bos be Mom's got the door open bumpin' Marvin Gaye Let's get it on all day everyday

At night I pray, Lord, just let me make it And if I die before I wake Then my soul, you take it Never fake it

My older brother taught me game
And sometimes even let the young soldier hang
As a loc, my only duty was to soak
And pass it on to my comrade and closest folks
All friends I knew about it as a child
I stood proud have you ever seen a ghetto smile?

In the ghetto there's a smile roamin' through the streets Why don't the homies smile for me? Ghetto, hey, yeah In the ghetto there's a smile roamin' through the streets Why don't the homies smile for me? Ghetto, hey

I'm at the junior high actin' bad at the dance The slow jam got me with a woody in my pants And baby with me, her Momma used to babysit me And back then she was just plain old pretty

But nowadays it seems like she done grown
Jeans fitting and her perm gotta hella long
Would I be wrong if I whisper and take her down
And maybe play house sitter with her like the Pound

It's goin' down about now in the Northern Bay The OG's put it down and make they pay Flip a 68 'stang with the blew out braids The only homey in the hood ridin' on thangs

And as I peep it thangs have got a little deeper And everybody and their Momma done bought a beeper And then they post on the lake gettin' loose and wild You know the scene it's the ghetto smile

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At 18 I graduated and now I'm grown
About time for the dog to get his own bone
I left home got a condo out on Quail ridge
And like a king is how this young playa live

Swimmin' parties in the pool with my dope to roll Wasn't trippin' off nathin' we was all folks Hillside in the house and we gettin' perved Freestylin' gettin' on my neighbor's nerves

I love the hood so everyday I'm back to visit
And swoop the young so that they can come through and kick it
And peep the game just as I did as a kid
And watch the savage get his cabbage and place his bid

And even though we fight we still remain game tight Handle business and always open for forgiveness It ain't nothin' like a homey you ain't seen in awhile So when you meet him greet him with that ghetto smile

In the ghetto there's a smile roamin' through the streets Why don't the homies smile for me? Ghetto
In the ghetto there's a smile, oh
All the homies smiles for me, ghetto

There's a ghetto in the sky, ghetto in the sky
But all the homies smile for me, ghetto
The ghetto smile, the ghetto smile
Homies smile for me
And the ghetto smile for me